

Minute Man National Historical Park Archives
Cultural Landscape Reports Research Collection

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Quantity: 2.2 linear feet

Storage: Two letter size archival document boxes
Two half-size letter archival document boxes
One 17 ½ " x 11 ½" flat box

Scope and Content Note

Deborah Dietrich-Smith, historical landscape architect with the National Park Service Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, created the Cultural Landscape Reports Research Collection while researching and writing the North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report, 2004; the Battle Road Unit Cultural Landscape Report, 2005; and the Draft of The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report, 2004. During her research, Dietrich-Smith collected copies of articles, maps, town records, deeds, photographs and post cards. She scanned photos, printed copies of documents on microfilm, created lists of research resources, and photographed the landscape in her efforts to understand the historic landscapes for each of the park units and how they had changed.

Dietrich-Smith did not finish The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report because in May 2007 she accepted a position with the National Park Service National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Before departing for her new position she turned over to the park the research records she had accumulated while preparing the three reports.

The largest amount of documents is for the North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report. The smallest amount is for the draft of The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report because Dietrich-Smith left most of her records for the project at the Olmsted Center to be used by the historical landscape architect who would complete the report.

In 2008 staff of the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation in consultation with Dietrich-Smith completed The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report. The Center provided the park with two compact disks for the project. One CD contains the research and administrative files for the project. The other CD contains the files for the final report, including maps and images, and the Government Printing Office files. Although the collection had been processed in 2007, the CDs have been added to the collection and the finding aid has been updated.

Collection Organization:

Documents for all three research projects were intermingled in one box when Dietrich-Smith delivered them to the park. She had created subject folders while working on the reports. The items in each folder were transferred to archival folders maintaining the division of resources that Dietrich-Smith had created. The names she had assigned to the folders were also maintained, except for a few that were not useful in identifying the contents. For some folders she had not assigned a name so a name was chosen that reflects the folder's contents.

Within some folders Dietrich-Smith had paper clipped items together. These subdivisions have been maintained, although archival fasteners have been substituted for the paper clips.

Dietrich-Smith often highlighted sections of articles and made notes on the pages. Some of the highlighting has already begun to fade. Any post-it with a notation has been kept on the page on which Dietrich-Smith placed it.

Although the folders for the research records for each of the reports had been mixed in the box in which they were transferred to the park, the materials in the collection have been organized based on the cultural landscape report for which they were gathered. This organization will be the most useful for future researchers. Where appropriate, subcategories have been created within the broader category of the individual cultural landscape report.

Box and Folder List:

Research Records North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report

Box 1

Folder:

1. Deeds
2. Concord Town Reports, 1840s – 1960s
3. Concord
4. Anniversary Celebrations of April 19, 1775
5. Old North Bridge Protective Association
6. The NPS and the North Bridge Area
7. Park Lands Files

Box 2

1. North Bridge Area
2. Printed Copies of Documents on Microfilm, 1600s - 1800s
3. Printed Copies of Documents on Microfilm
4. Research Sources, Mainly Microfilm
5. Reference Materials Discovered after Completion of Cultural Landscape Report

Photographs & Images

6. Photos Scanned for North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report, Most from Concord Free Public Library. Photographs are identified and dated.
7. North Bridge Area Photos: Then (19th & 20th Centuries) & Now (2002)
8. 1930 Aerial Image and Other Images of North Bridge Area
9. Images Considered for the North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report

Structures & Monuments

10. North Bridge
11. Old Manse
12. The Minute Man
13. Battle Monument
14. Grave of British Soldiers
15. Muster Field Monument
16. Major John Buttrick Bas-relief

Box 3

Three Ring Binder: Existing Conditions, Photographs and Scans 2002 -2003, North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report.

The first section of the binder contains photographs which are dated and identified on the reverse of the photograph. Some of the photographs of stone walls have a label next to the photograph which identifies the stone wall by the numbering system for stone walls used in the cultural

landscape report. Other photographs of stone walls include the stone wall number on the reverse of the photograph.

The second section of the binder contains a CD labeled MIMA North Bridge Unit Digital Photographs 2002 – 2003, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation. After the CD are color photocopies of the captioned photographs that are on the CD. A number in pencil to the left of the photograph caption identifies the scan number on the CD of the photograph.

The final section of the binder is a plastic sleeve that on one side has a copy of Figure 83, Stone walls location map, 2003, from the North Bridge Unit Cultural Landscape Report, and on the other side has a copy of Figure 82, Vegetation location map, 2003, also from the report.

The front pocket of the binder holds photographs taken in 2002 that were not scanned. The photographs are identified on the reverse.

Research Records Battle Road Unit Cultural Landscape Report

Box 4

1. Zipped diskette of images of Massachusetts State Highway Maps; handwritten key to the maps on the diskette; and a map
2. Binder of photographs and slides, predominately aerial photographs and photographs of maps. The subject of all photographs and slides are identified and dated, and the source of the image is also noted.
3. Photographs: Battle Road Unit, July 2002. Photographs are identified on the reverse.
4. Post Card: Hayward Well Marker, circa 1907
5. Frank Coburn's Muster Rolls for the Battle of April 19, 1775

Research Records The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report (Draft)

Box 5

1. Construction Drawings: The Wayside Drainage/Erosion Project, April 25, 2006. Project was completed in Fall 2006.
2. Photograph: The Wayside, 1930, Copy of Photograph by Tolman at Concord Free Public Library
3. Sleepy Hollow Cemetery National Register of Historic Places Form

4. Post Cards: The Wayside, circa. 1895 and The Wayside, undated

Research Records
The Wayside Cultural Landscape Report (Final)

5. CD containing Research and Administrative Files including:

- Photos of existing conditions
- Historic photos & drawings
- Aerial photos
- Images of The Wayside
- Then & now photos
- Historic photos paired with existing conditions photos
- Historic maps
- Research notes
- Planting plan from the 2006 drainage project
- Project contracts

CD containing files for final report including maps, images and permissions plus Government Printing Office files